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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hans SIGRIST et al.

Serial No.: New Application

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For: PROCESS FOR THE MODIFICATION OF SURFACES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please enter the following specification changes as noted below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

✓ Claim 5, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 4" to --claim 1--.

✓ Claim 6, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 5" to --claim 1--.

- ✓ Claim 7, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 6" to --claim 1--.
- ✓ Claim 8, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 7" to --claim 1--.
- ✓ Claim 9, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 8" to --claim 1--.
- ✓ Claim 10, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 9" to --claim 1--.
- ✓ Claim 11, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 10" to --claim 1--.
- ✓ Claim 12, line 2, change "any of claims 1 to 11" to --claim 1--.
- ✓ Claim 15, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 11" to --claim 1--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 remain pending herein. Claims 3, 5-12 and 15 have been amended hereby.

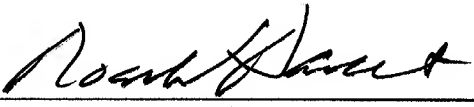
This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to eliminate multiply dependent claims from the above-identified application.

Examination of this application on its merits is respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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